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Pelor Robert this is your paper before you go any further with this tape. Get a map of Australia and a map of the world. Because we will be referring to both. Okay here we go. I am what is known as your paternal grandfather. That simply means that I am your father's father. You also have another grandfather your maternal grandfather and that of course is your mother's father. Now I live in a place called Vincent here on Jarvis Bay two hundred kilometres south of Sydney. Can you find Sydney and Jarvis Bay on the map and your other grandfather lives a long way north he lives at a place called you Bobo near Gladstone in Queensland and that is about 1200 kilometres north of Sydney. Now I was born 70 years ago in Brisbane and you see Brisbane on the map between Sydney and Gladstone. I lived in Brisbane for about eight years and then my family moved to Melbourne. Can you find Melbourne on the map here in Melbourne. I lived for another eight years until at the age of 16 I left school and joined the Merchant Navy after about 18 months in the Merchant Navy doing a job of servicing the lighthouses around the Victorian coast. I joined the Royal Australian Navy here I trained in Adelaide and you find Adelaide also in Sydney also in Canberra. Can you find Canberra on the map. Later on I was posted to a little ship called a Corvette. There were about 60 of these Corvettes built in Australia and this one happened to have the name of Gladstone same name as the city near where your mother grew up. Later on I joined the aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney to go to England for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

We sailed north from Sydney to Brisbane and then around the Cape of Cape York and then headed west towards India. We went around India and stopped at Aden. Can you find Aden on the map of the world. We then proceeded along the Red Sea and through the Suez Canal into the Mediterranean Ocean here we stopped at a place called Tobruk very famous during the last war in North Africa. We made another stop at the island of Malta another stop at Gibraltar. Can you find Gibraltar which is on the tip of Spain near the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. And then we stopped at Portsmouth in England. We stayed in England for about six weeks during which I marched through London with thousands of other servicemen from

many Commonwealth countries for the occasion of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. We then boarded HMAS Sydney again the aircraft carrier and still headed west and stopped at Nova Scotia. Halifax Nova Scotia can you find it. Then at Baltimore Mary land part of the United States of America. Then we made a short stop at Kingston Jamaica the island of Jamaica. Through the Panama Canal. Still heading west. And stopped at Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands. Can you see the Hawaiian Islands. We then headed for New Zealand making a brief stop at Auckland and then we returned to Sydney. There are many other stories I could tell you. For example after returning to Sydney for a short while we then headed north to the Philippines to Japan and Korea but there was not enough time on this tape to tell you and I'll tell you later.

Have a good day mate. Bye bye.